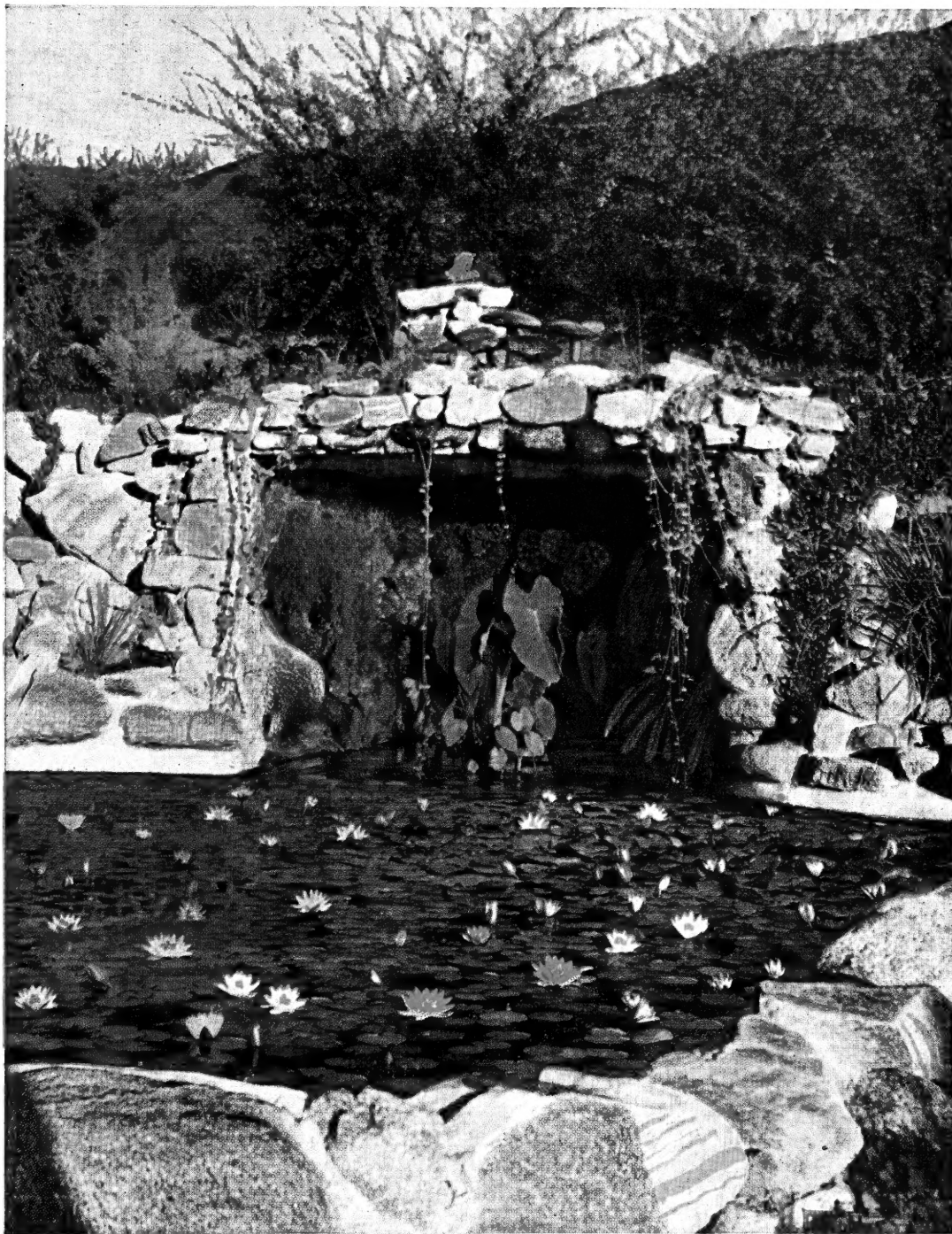


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## **VAN NESS WATER GARDENS**

Established in 1932. Finest and most beautiful Water Gardens  
on the West Coast.

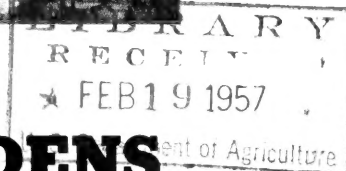
THEO. R. UBER, Prop.

2460 North Euclid Avenue

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME

Upland, California

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## TO OUR MANY OLD AND NEW FRIENDS:

We are happy to present to you our new and more exciting Water Lily catalog. It is our desire to literally bring you into our beautifully designed and terraced Gardens and show you our lovely water plants. We have sixty individually designed pools built of cement and stone for every type of Water Plant we sell. A visit to our Gardens is sufficient incentive to set you to build a gorgeous pool in your patio or backyard or any natural pond or lake.

The VAN NESS WATER GARDENS were established in 1932 here in Upland, Calif. at the foot of 10,000 ft. Mt. Baldy. At our 2100 ft. altitude we have considerable ice and sometimes a nice snow. This insures a high quality water plant for every part of the United States. Our hardy lilies are blooming profusely in April making our product especially desired by our eastern customers who have a short season. We guarantee the Easter customers water lilies with many buds and blooms on every Lily purchased. Our plants and pools are full of bloom for two months before shipment to the Eastern and Northern States.

If you are one of our old friends and customers we say THANK YOU. May we hear from you again soon. If you have never dealt with us before we invite you to give us an opportunity to show you the VAN NESS WATER GARDENS are in business to supply you with 100% guaranteed plants of FIRST QUALITY.

Sincerely,

*Ted and Lauella Uber*

Van Ness Water Gardens  
2460 Euclid Avenue  
Upland, California  
Gentlemen:

On a previous order with you some 2½ weeks ago you sent me escarboucle. It opened day before yesterday and I must admit it is one of the most beautiful flowers I have ever seen. Since your lilies are up to the very highest standards I wish to place with you the order for sunrise and panama pacific.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Remaining yours truly,  
ROBERT D. SEAWRIGHT  
Bolton, Mississippi

May 28

Dear Mr. &amp; Mrs. Uber:

Here it is almost spring again so I wish to place my order early. We have been so dead all winter with nary a green leaf that it is doubly exciting to see our "heralds of spring," the weeping willow trees, all with young green leaves—these are by our pool and truly beautiful.

A neighbor of ours, Mrs. Doffing is placing an order with you as she admired our pool and the lilies I received from you. My Mrs. Edward Whitaker Lily bloomed and bloomed and I was so thrilled with its beauty—hope it didn't freeze but I think I see a green leaf!

The Hawthorne was so sweet and surprised us by not freezing all winter and we've had constant icy nights for two months. It was blooming in February.

Thank you, and I will be looking forward to my order. I may be up to see your lovely place in June.

Sincerely,  
MARJORIE APPY  
N. Las Vegas, Nevada

March 14

Mr. T. R. Uber, Prop.  
Van Ness Gardens

Dear Sir:

My order has arrived and in first class shape.

Accept my sincere thanks for your generosity and very evident concern over my amateurish efforts.

Yours gratefully,  
K. W. MALMBERG  
2001-W2 Davenport, Iowa

May 20

Dear Mr. Uber:

The plants I received last year are wonderful.

Thanking you so much,  
WILLIAM TERBOT  
Manor, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you for your lovely gift, the Tropical Lily. The plants were in perfect condition when they arrived. And for the promptness of mailing them.

MRS. FRANKIE McFARLAND  
San Antonio, Texas

May 25

Gentlemen:

My 1954 order of fish, frogs and plants all arrived in fine order and are all in fine condition. I wish to thank you for the very fine service you have given me for the past two years.

Your very truly,  
LOUIS De SAUTO  
San Francisco, Calif.

April 11

Van Ness Water Gardens  
2460 N. Euclid Ave.  
Upland, California

Dear Sirs:

The lilies I received from you are all very beautiful. The night blooming ones are constantly in bloom and very large blooms. The blue and pink day blooming ones are so pretty. Last year I had a beautiful lotus in bloom almost the entire year. With the terrific Texas heat the pool is the prettiest spot in the yard.

Sincerely,  
MRS. G. H. STUART  
San Antonio, Texas

July 27

Dear Mrs. Uber:

Have been trying to get a line written to you ever since the arrival of our nice order. And the gift of the little "Helvola Pygmae" lily—for which we thank you. It will be our first experience with this type, so we can hardly wait to see it bloom. Everything was in very good order upon arrival and, as we were just cleaning our pond on Saturday, the time was perfect for fertilizing the lilies, some of which have quite a few buds already.

We have told so many of our friends about your lovely water gardens though, that you possibly may have a few visitors from Marin County even though we don't get down your way this year.

Thanking you again for your excellent service and the nice plants,

Our best to you all!

Sincerely,  
VAREEN BAKER

Van Ness Water Gardens;  
Mr. Theo R. Uber

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for the grand catalog you sent me. In addition to just listing your plant, planting, care, etc. are so plainly stated as to be a wonderful help to the amateur. We have never had any kind of a water garden before, but intend to follow your clear instructions to the letter. We are really looking forward to seeing our lilies in full and fragrant bloom before too long.

Sincerely,  
MRS. LEE C. CONDREY

May 26

Dear Mr. Uber:

Enclosed find an order, money and sales tax, trust I have made it clear. You may send them when ever it is convenient for you. I am ready to receive them. Pool has been cleaned and the new home for the future frogs is in good shape. I understand these will come via express.

Thanking you for your nice dealings and regards to Mrs. Uber.

CHAS. E. MURRAY

May 27

Dear Mr. &amp; Mrs. Uber:

Thank you so much for the additional information you in your second letter—you are most kind.

After looking over the catalog you sent me, I think I should have some of the grasses too.

I appreciate very much your kindness with such a small order—if I have an opportunity I shall certainly recommend you to any one needing items which you carry.

Your sincerely,  
ELIZABETH C. FLEET  
(MRS. GIRTON FLEET)  
La Jolla, California

April 14

Van Ness Water Gardens

Dear Sirs:

My daughter, Mrs. J. H. Yorden of this city, is so pleased with the order that you have sent her that I would like to try a tub garden too.

H. GERTRUDE ALBRIGHT  
61 Vista Lane,  
Walnut Creek, Cal.

NOTE: We only publish a catalog every two years. Prices in this catalog effective till 1958.

## CODE

We have prepared this code for your convenience in SELECTION, PLANTING, and CARE of practically all items listed in our catalog.

**L**—Large

**M**—Medium

**S**—Small

**EB**—Excellent Bloomer

**GB**—Good Bloomer

**FB**—Fair Bloomer

**A**—Plant in 8" to 12" soil and 8" to 12" water

**B**—Plant in 6" to 9" soil and 6" to 9" water

**C**—Plant in 4" to 6" soil and 4" to 6" water

**D**—Plant in 2" to 4" soil and 2" to 4" water

**H**—Plant in 6" soil and 1" to 2" water

**N**—Plant in 6" of soil and 5" to 6" water

**I**—Plant in 6" of soil and 6" of water

**J**—Plant in pots on bottom of pool, completely under water

**K**—Plant in wet soil outside of pool or have soil surface of box level with the water surface of pool. These plants do well in pool or out of pool but must have lots of moisture.

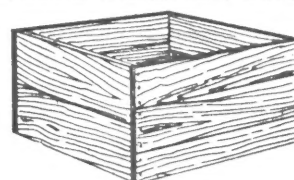
**O**—Floating plants, no planting needed

**T**—Tender, will burn in hot desert areas

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## SPECIAL WATER LILY BOXES



### Planting Box #1

The perfect planting box for your HARDY LILIES. White pine. Size 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 20".....**ONLY \$1.25.**

### Planting Box #2

A very good light weight box made of #1 pine lumber. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" x 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Very good for medium and small hardy Lilies and for all TROPICAL Lilies. Excellent also for bog plants and shallow water plants. **\$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00.**

## VAN NESS' WATER LILY FERTILIZER

A very concentrated fertilizer especially good for water lily culture, which we ship with orders for water lilies.

**2 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs., \$1.00; 5 lbs., \$1.75**

## FISH

We have a good assortment of Goldfish, Comets, Japanese Fantails, Calicos, Chinese Moore and Shubukins which may be purchased at our gardens. However, we do not ship fish, frogs, or tadpoles, due to the extremely high express rates on this type of shipment.

## BEAUTIFUL MULTI-COLORED SMALL CROAKING FROGS

Multi-colored Frogs. Ornamental, likeable, and the best insect trap ever known. When we see lily pads we expect to see a frog nearby. Any size.

**50c per pair; \$3.00 per dozen**

## TADPOLES

Will transform into frogs during summer. Everybody loves to watch them. Live on decaying lily leaves and fish excrement. Help keep pool clear.

**6 for 50c; 12 for 75c**

## FISH REMENDY — AQUA-TONIC

Effective as a tonic for fish and plants. Recommended for itch, fungus, torn fins, and sore spots. **BE SURE AND USE AQUA-TONIC EVERYTIME YOU ADD FISH OR CLEAN YOUR POOL.** Use as directed on label. **80c.**

## FISH FOOD

Complete fish food with shrimp and flies. We have a properly balanced fish food, which has all the ingredients necessary for keeping your fish in good health. They should only be fed twice a week as most of the ills of fish are caused by over feeding. Your fish will love it.

**$\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 50c; 1 lb., 75c**

## APHIS REMEDY — VOLCK OIL SPRAY

Can be safely used to kill aphis on water lily pads and will not poison your fish. With instructions.

**1 pint, 75c**

## AMPRUF RUBBER BASE POOL PAINT

A safe Rubber Base pool paint used in lily pools and swimming pools. It not only adds to the beauty of the pool but it helps eliminate the growth of algae to the sides of your pool. Colors: blue and green.

**\$2.25 per quart; \$7.40 per gallon**

**Ampruf Thinner — Must Be Used With Paint — 60c Pt.**

## VAN NESS SPECIAL WATER CLARIFIER—REMOVES ALGAE

This treatment will clear your pool of Algae. It will not harm fish or plants. Ages water and keeps algae from forming until the plants balance the pool for you. Directions on product. Enough for an 8 x 10 pool.

**5 pounds for \$1.25**

# BUY COLLECTIONS AND SAVE

## COMPLETE POOL COLLECTION

### COMPLETE POOL COLLECTION — # 32

36 Lovely Water Plants with CHOICE LILIES

Sufficient for a pool 8 x 10 or larger.

Makes a well-balanced pool

5 CHOICE WATER LILIES—Comanche (sunset), Escarboucle (red), Formosa (pink), Sunrise (yellow), and Gonnere (white). 4 Tall Water Plants—Umbrella Palm, Double Arrowhead (white), Azure Pickerel (blue), Yellow Iris. 12 Shallow Water Plants—2 Water Poppy (yellow) 2 Water Snowflake (white), 2 Floating Heart (yellow), 4 Parrots Feather, 2 Primrose Creeper. 10 Oxygenating Plants. 5 Anacharis and 5 Myriophyllum. 5 Water Hyacinth—Floating plants. 12 Water Snails. 2½ pounds Spec. Water Lily Fertilizer.

Value, \$19.70—for \$15.25.

### FINE COLLECTION FOR SMALL POOLS.

#### COLLECTION — #34

For pools around 4 x 8

3 Choice Hardy Water Lilies—Gloriosa (red), Sunrise (yellow), and Rose Arey (deep pink). 2 Tall Water Plants—Azure Pickerel (blue) and Yellow Iris. 3 Shallow Water Plants—2 Water Poppy (yellow) and 1 Azure Hyacinth (Azure Blue). 10 Oxygenating Grasses—5 Myriophyllum and 5 Anacharis.

Value, \$9.20—for \$7.50.

## Something Really Different in a Pool

### AN ORIENTAL POOL FOR ONLY \$10.00 — COLLECTION #21

Suitable For Pool 5 x 7

Egyptian Lotus (sacred Lotus), \$2.00; Panama Pacific, \$2.50; Sultan (rare), \$3.50; Gloria du Temple sur, Lot, \$3.00; Japanese Arrowhead, 35c; Imperial Taro, 75c; Japanese Iris, \$1.00; Egyptian Paper Plant (Papyrus, 40c.

Value, \$13.00—for \$10.00.

## POOLSIDE PLANT COLLECTION

### DAY LILY COLLECTION #65

These Day Lilies are excellent plants for the side of your pool. They bloom almost constantly all summer. Foliage is green the year around. We have an excellent assortment of 10 different varieties from light yellow thru burnt orange and a pink blend thru a deep red. Worth 50c each to \$1.50 each. A collection of ten different varieties for \$5.00.

### GERMFAN BEARDED IRIS COLLECTION # 66

A favorite plant for the side of your pool. One of the most satisfactory garden flowers. A variety of colors. Each plant worth from 50c to 75c. Our choice of 12 different colors to you. They will all be good varieties. 12 different German Iris for \$3.50.

### WATER PLANT COLLECTION — #9

Floating Heart, 20c; Water Poppy, 20c; Double Arrowhead, 40c; Azure Pickerel plant, 50c; Umbrella Palm, 25c; Water Canna, 75c; 3 varieties water grasses, 60c.

Value, \$2.80—for \$2.25.

## HARDY LILY COLLECTIONS

### GROTTO COLLECTION #40

Pennsylvania—blue, \$3.00; Escarboucle—red, \$2.75; Formosa—pink, \$2.75; Marliac Albida—white, \$1.50; Rose Arey—rose, \$2.00.

Value, \$12.00—for \$10.00.

### SUPERB COLLECTION #9

Sunrise—yellow, \$2.75; Gonnere—white, \$2.50; Gloriosa—red, \$2.50.

Value, \$7.75—for \$6.50.

### BUDGET COLLECTION #10

Aurora—sunset, \$1.50; Chromatella—yellow, \$2.00; Hermine—white, \$2.00; Rose Arey—pink, \$2.00.

Value, \$7.50—for \$6.50.

### RAINBOW COLLECTION #11

Moorei—yellow, \$3.00; Escarboucle—red, \$2.75; Massanello—pink, \$2.00; Comanche—sunset, \$2.50; M. Albida \$1.50.

Value, \$11.75—for \$10.00.

### ATTRACTIVE DUET COLLECTION #19

Moorei—yellow, \$3.00 and Masseneillo—pink, \$2.00.

Value, \$5.00—for \$4.00.

### BEAUTIFUL COLLECTION #30

Chromatella, \$2.00; White Albida, \$1.50; Gloriosa, \$2.50.

Value, \$6.00—for \$5.00.

### 12 CHOICE HARDY LILIES, \$25.00—COLLECTION #12

Gonnere—white, \$2.50; Albida—white, \$1.50; Chromatella—yellow, \$2.00; Sunrise—yellow, \$2.75; Comanche—sunset, \$2.50; Paul Hariot—sunset, \$2.50; Rose Arey—pink, \$2.00; Masseneillo—pink, \$2.00; Formosa—pink, \$2.75; Gloriosa—red, \$2.50; scarboucle—red, \$2.75; Pink Glory—pink, \$4.00.

Value, \$29.75—for \$25.00.

### FRAGRANT COLLECTION #35

A trio of Hardy Lilies having a charming and beautiful odor. Each of these lilies has a different shade of pink with differently shaped blooms. Rose Arey, \$2.00; Pink Opal, \$1.50, and Venusta, \$2.00.

Value, \$5.50—for \$4.50.

Contrasting shades of color and shape of blossoms in the same color. Many people want us to supply them lilies of one particular color to harmonize with their entire landscape theme. In order that all your lilies will be strikingly different even though the color is the same. We offer you these fine selections.

### PINK COLLECTION #81

Formosa—bright pink—flowers lay on water. Rose Arey—deep pink—pointed petals. Morning Glory—shell pink—big blooms.

Value, \$7.25—for only \$6.50.

### RED COLLECTION #82

Gloriosa—brilliant red—medium blooms. Escarboucle—very deep red—large blooms. Hudson—rosy red—pointed petal.

Value \$8.25—for only \$7.50.

### YELLOW COLLECTION #83

Sunrise—bright yellow—of tropical appearance. Chromatella—deep yellow—beautiful leaves. Pgymae Helvola—creamy yellow—so precious.

Value, \$6.00—for only \$5.00.

# HARDY WATER LILIES

(Check page three for planting code to help you select your Lilies)

Have you ever noticed that, no difference what the beauty of the garden may be, in harmony of planting, in beauty of landscaping, the visitor drifts to the Water Lily Pool and there finds a sanctuary, a place where one can forget the trials of everyday life and find the charm and solace that only exquisite beauty can bestow.

## SO EASY TO GROW

Hardy lilies will grow anywhere, if they have sun. They do well in areas where it is foggy, such as San Francisco, if the pool is in full sun and no shade.

You may have a real beauty spot by making a Tub garden. The one illustrated on page 12 has a group of 5 half barrels.

## HARDY LILIES PERFECT SPECIMENS

The Hardy lilies are among the easiest grown of any flower. After planting they need no attention except to keep the water level right and break off dead leaves. They grow in a wonderful array of colors and shapes and are a constant joy to all who grow them.

California Water lilies have the advantage of our long, warm summers and put on a marvelous growth during this period, assuring you of strong plants, which will burst into bloom soon after being planted in your pool. The many letters from our customers telling us of this fact make us very happy, and we assure you nothing goes out from our Nursery that we would not be happy to receive.

We have the choicest of the varieties which we are offering at very attractive prices.

All Hardy lilies are at least 2 years old when shipped, assuring bloom the first year.

## RED

**Escarboucle (L EB A)** One of the most brilliant red lilies. Bright intense red, deepening into crimson. One of the best. **\$2.75.**

**Gloriosa (M EB B)** All that its name implies. The flowers are above the average size. One of the earliest to bloom and continues all summer. One of the choicest of them all. **\$2.50.**

**M Red (E EB B)** Flowers of a deep carmine red, with cardinal stamens. The leaves are a rich bronze, changing to dark green with age. **\$2.50.**

**James Bryden (M GB B)** The color is a rich rosy crimson, while the reverse of the petals has a silvery sheen. This variety will adapt itself to any sized pool. **\$2.75.**

**Attraction (L EB A)** This lily is truly an attraction to any pool. The petals are a garnet red, the sepals white and the stamens a rich mahogany. Cannot be fully described. **\$3.00.**

**Newton (L EB A)** Very large, star-shaped flowers, almost vermillion. Different from most of the red lilies. **\$5.00.**

**William Falconer (M GB A T)** The darkest red of all water lilies, being a velvety black-red. Leaves green, maroon spotted. Not satisfactory in hot climate. Shy bloomer. **\$3.00.**

**Sirius (L EB A T)** The leaves of this variety are red, spotted with reddish brown. The flowers are huge and dark red. **\$5.00.**

**Vesuve (M GB B)** A dark red lily blooming very profusely. The blossoms are a good size and very double. **\$4.00.**



*The Immense Escarboucle Hardy Lily*

**Picciola (L EB A T)** A dark crimson variety, standing above the water and in several ways distinctly different from other red lilies. The leaves are spotted with red. **\$2.25.**

**Conqueror (L GB A T)** One of the most beautiful lilies. The immense flowers are a deep crimson, shaded toward the ends of petals to a deep pink. Stamens are long and bright yellow, making a striking contrast. **\$2.50.**

**James Hudson (L EB A)** An exceptionally good, new variety. The tulip shaped blooms have sharp petals of rich red with mauve reflections. A rare European variety. **\$3.00.**

**Sultan (L EB A)** A large, cherry-red lily; the outer petals being a light rose. One of the best blooming lilies and one of the most admired. **\$3.00.**

**Arethusia (M GB A T)** Deep, dark red blossoms; almost as dark as the William Falconer. **\$4.00.**

**Lucida (L EB A)** A good rosy red lily with beautiful blotched leaves. Prolific bloomer. **\$4.00.**

## PINK VARIETIES

**Formosa (L EB A)** One of the best, blooming soon after planting and never without blossoms during the whole season. Blossoms are large and a clear, bright pink. A much admired lily. **\$2.75.**

**Wilfron Gonnere (M GB A)** Very double pink lily, resembling Gonnere in size and shape. **\$2.50.**

**Mme. Julian Chiffrot (L EB A T)** A mammoth star-shaped lily, with soft pink petals and yellow stamens. One of the most beautiful of the pink hardies. **\$3.00.**

**Rene Gerard (L EB A)** The flowers of this variety often reach the enormous size of 10 inches across and are a deep rose in color. The petals are very numerous and the flower is star shaped. **\$5.00.**

**Splendida (L EB A)** A rich, strawberry pink lily; blooming the entire season. Becomes darker towards fall, becoming almost a deep red. **\$2.75.**

**Sumptuosa (L EB A)** An excellent rose-pink hardy lily. Free bloomer. **\$3.00.**

**M. Rose (L EB A)** A large deep rose colored lily of an excellent variety. **\$2.00.**

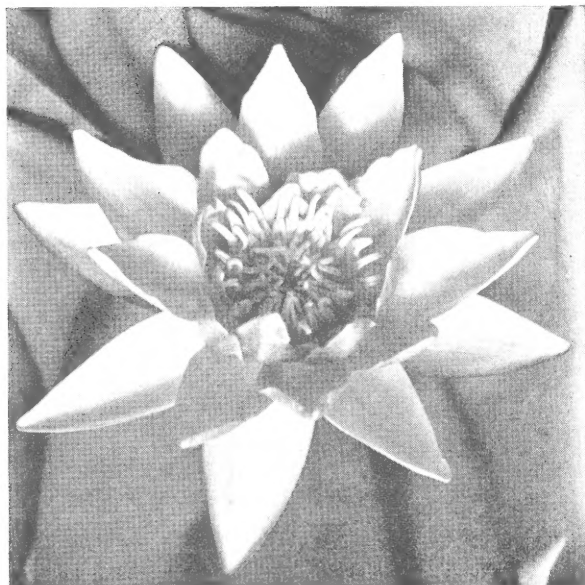
**Lustrous (L EB A)** A new rose-pink with silvery sheen and yellow stamens for contrast. Fine bloomer. **\$3.00.**

**Leviathan (L EB A)** Odorata type lily. Very large shell pink with large leaves of green. **\$3.00.**



# Hardy Water Lilies (continued)

(Check page three for planting code to help you select your Lilies)



*Amabilis*

**Amabilis (L EB A T)** This lily is very similar to the Mme. Chifflet, being star-shaped, but is a larger lily. The bright pink blossoms are hard to describe for beauty. \$2.50.

**M Carnea (L EB A)** Opening early in the morning, this lily is of wonderful size, is a soft shell pink. Blooms over a long period, the flowers of good lasting quality, making them good for cut flowers. \$1.75.

**Massaneillo (L EB A)** The flowers of this variety are very fragrant. The plant a free grower. The flowers are a rose pink and the sepals are white, making a wonderful contrast. \$2.00.

**Morning Glory (L EB A)** An exquisite soft, shell-pink lily. Particularly beautiful as they first open in the morning, being so waxy in appearance. \$2.50.

**Esmeralda (M GB B)** A French variety. The flowers are variegated, rose pink and white. The petals are star-shaped, and the sepals are also variegated. \$2.50.

**Pink Glory (L EB A)** A beautiful, new pink lily. Very waxy in appearance and proclaimed the most beautiful of all the shell pink Hardy lilies. \$4.00.

**Mary Patricia (S EB B)** The daintiest, deep peach blossom pink lily imaginable, one that is especially generous in bloom. Is especially good for Tub gardens. \$2.00.

**Rosy Morn (L EB A)** A beautiful rosette pink lily with a true Water lily fragrance. Very large blossoms with spreading petals. \$3.00.

**Mrs. Richmond (L EB A)** A rare variety of singular beauty. Very large flowers of deep rose with lilac tints; petals broad and full; stamens a delicate canary yellow. A rare variety. \$5.00.

**Neptune (L EB A)** The velvety blossoms are a shaded pink, the base of petals quite dark and the tips much lighter in shade. Garnet stamens make a striking contrast. \$2.50.

## PINK (Odorata—Very Fragrant)

**Rose Arey (M EB B)** The blossoms are a bright, cerise pink, having pointed petals with a noticeable curl, giving a pleasing shaded effect. A sweet scented lily; leaves have a reddish cast. \$2.00. A remarkable lily.

**Pink Opal (S GB B)** A deep, rich pink lily with buds that are almost round, and open into a flower that is cup shaped. \$1.50.

**Venusta (M EB B)** The flowers are of a good size with a charming cup shape, standing above the water. The most spicy fragrance of any of the odoratas. \$2.00.

**Eugene de Land (M GB B)** A charming, sweet scented variety, with soft shell pink petals which are pointed. \$2.00.

**Gloire du Temple-Sur-Lot (M GB B)** Very double lily resembling an immense dahlia in form. Opens a soft shell pink. \$3.00.

**Odalesque (M GB B)** An intensely fragrant, deep cerise pink, which opens earlier than almost any other lily. \$3.00.

**Fire Crest (S GB B)** A flame colored Odorata lily, blooming very early in the Spring. \$2.00.

## YELLOW

**Chromatella (M EB A)** (M yellow.) Bright yellow blossoms with broad curving petals. A good bloomer. The leaves are handsomely blotched and the plant a vigorous grower. \$2.00.

**Moorei (M EB A)** A new lily from Australia, deeper in color than Marliac. A choice plant with large blossoms and showy leaves. \$2.75.

**Pygmaea Helvola (S EB C)** This lily has small yellow flowers that float on the surface of the water, are about 2 inches in diameter. Leaves beautifully mottled. A free bloomer and well adapted to Tub garden culture. \$1.25.

**Mexicana (S FB C)** A little beauty from Mexico. \$1.00.

**Sunrise (L EB AT)** This magnificent lily with its canary yellow blossoms stands well above the water on graceful stems; the petals are crinkled like a chrysanthemum. \$2.75.

## SUNSET VARIETIES

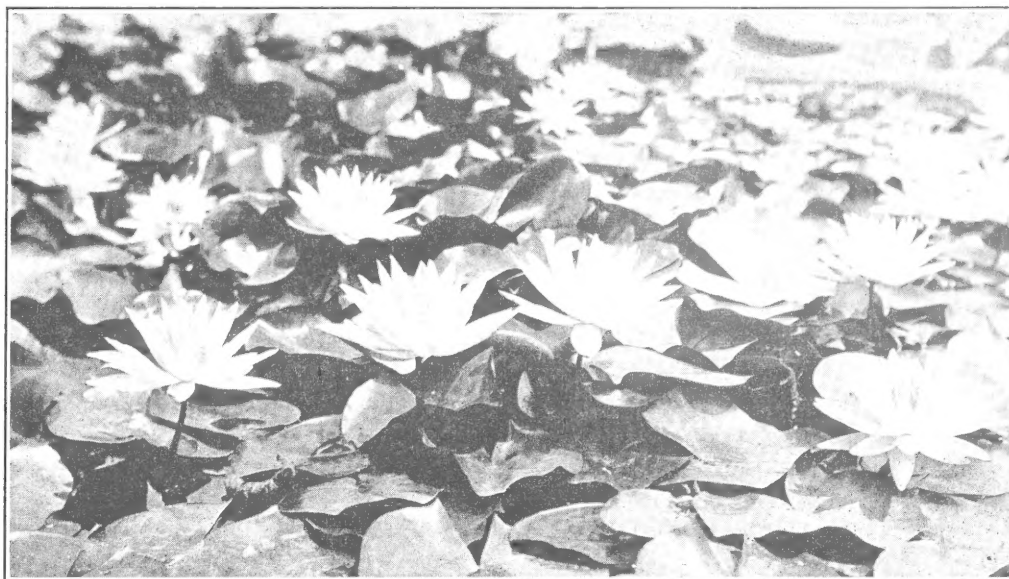
**Comanche (L EB A)** An old favorite. Brilliant orange-red, the color deepens with age; becoming a warm red. A sturdy growing variety but will adapt itself to a small space. Has bloomed steadily for 10 months in our gardens. \$2.50.

**Paul Hariot (M EB B)** This lily is most pleasing, as the first day of opening the petals are a soft, yellowish pink, becoming darker each day to almost a deep red. \$2.50.

**Indiana (S GB C)** A free growing variety, bearing beautiful copper-yellow flowers tinged with pink. A remarkable plant producing a constant succession of color changes in its freely produced flowers. \$2.50.

# Hardy Water Lilies (continued)

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*Pool of Sunrise Lilies*

**Chrysantha (S GB C)** A fine variety for the Tub garden as the leaf spread is small. The flowers open a soft yellow which deepens with age to almost a vermillion. **\$2.00.**

**Aurora (S GB C)** A very changeable colored lily. If you only have room for one lily you will be pleased with this one, as you may have as many as 5 shades at one time. Does not grow large, so is suitable for small pools. **\$1.50.**

**Solfatere (M GB B)** Opens the first day an orange-yellow. During third and fourth days the blossoms become reddish-copper. **\$2.00.**

**Seignoureti (L EB A)** A gorgeous colored lily, but propagates so slowly it will not become common. One of the finest, freest blooming lilies grown, with bright orange-yellow flowers. **\$5.00.**

**Robinsonoi (L EB A)** This is an old favorite with water gardeners. Flowers are a bright, coppery-red with orange stamens. It is a constant bloomer with beautiful variegated foliage. **\$3.00.**

**Sioux (M EB B)** Rich chrome-yellow upon opening, inner petals tinged with bronze. Changes to deep orange tinged with copper-red. Unique colored lily. **\$5.00.**

## WHITE

**Gonnere (M EB B)** The showiest of all white lilies. An enormous globe of snowy whiteness, nestling among green pads. A free blooming variety with small leaf spread. **\$2.50.**

**Albotross (L EB A)** A snow-white lily with many petals. Very large and very beautiful. **\$3.00.**

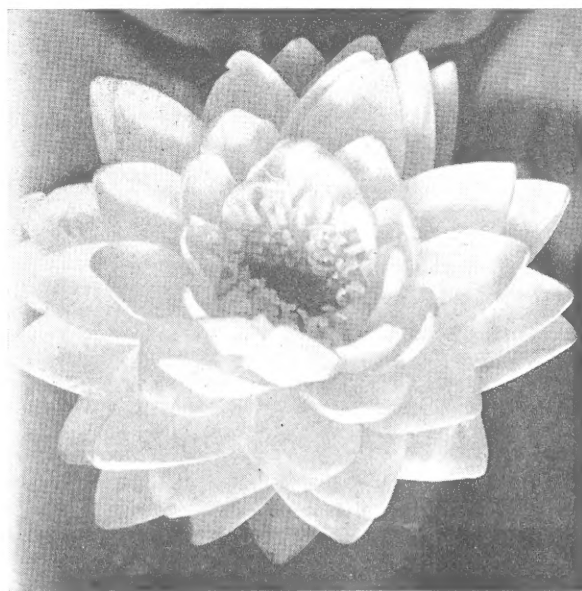
**M Albida (L EB A)** Large dazzling white blossoms, with yellow stamens. The sepals are pink. **\$1.50.**

**Gladstone (L EB A)** A fine lily of robust growth. The flowers are of purest white, cup shaped and very large. **\$2.00.**

**Hermine (S EB B)** A dainty little white lily. The blossoms snuggle among the pads and are star-shaped. **\$2.00.**

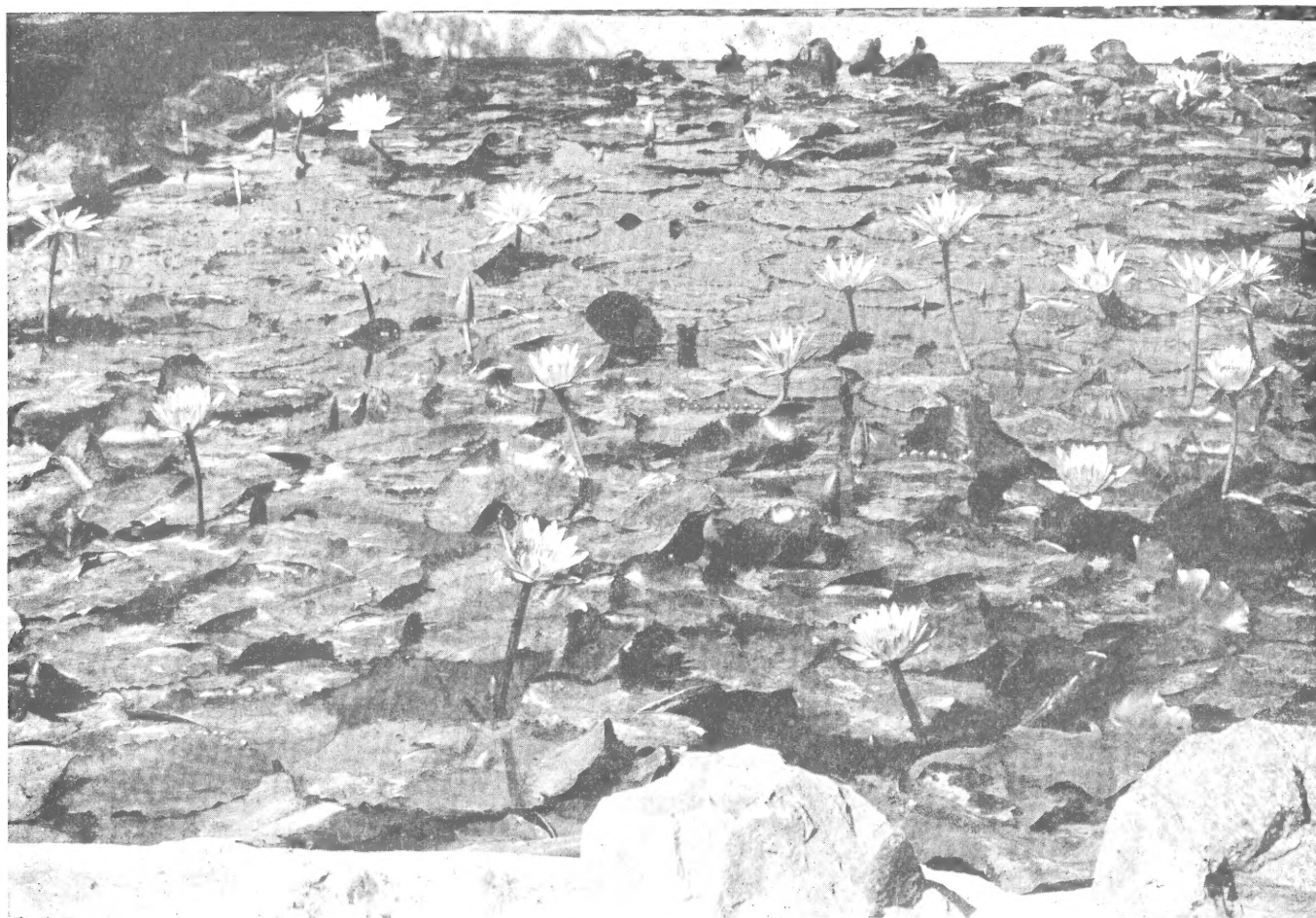
**White Laydeker (S EB C)** A very pretty dwarf lily. Snow white with yellow center. Has a strong tea fragrance. **\$2.00.**

**Virginalis (L EB A)** The purest white of all water lilies. A splendid bloomer over a long season. Will never be common as it multiplies very slowly. One of the best. **\$5.00.**



*Gonnere*

## TROPICAL LILIES



*A pool of beautiful BLUE PENNSYLVANIA Tropicals*

Order one of these 3 months old plants full of bud and blooms and you will never be without one. These plants have their complete root, bulb, bud and leaf structure intact when you receive them.

If you are a real Water Garden enthusiast you will surely want some of these marvelous plants. Flowers the size of dinner plates, with a perfume so spicy as to permeate the whole garden. Only in the Tropicals can you obtain the exquisite blue and purple shades; and with the wonderful varieties offered, one can find just the lily to fit his needs. Many of the varieties will adapt themselves either to large or small pools.

Tropicals bloom until frost comes. In mild climates like ours they bloom through November and some in December and January. Last December we had the Panama Pacific, Penna., August Koch, Gen. Pershing, Mrs. Whitaker, Whitaker Gigantea, Mrs. Pring and the Star Lilies all blooming.

We do not ship Tropicals until the weather has become permanently warm, as early shipments are almost sure to go dormant. A safe date is after June first, except in the Southern States, where they may be shipped at an earlier date, May 15th. Should we be instructed to ship at an earlier date, we do so at customer's risk.

### TROPICAL LILIES Blues

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**Pennsylvania.** (Blue beauty.) A magnificent variety with rich blue flowers that are often 10 and 12 inches across. The buds are speckled with maroon, the stamens are tipped with blue. The flowers have a spicy perfume such as no other tropical has. The plant is a free and vigorous bloomer. **\$3.00.**

**Blue Triumph (L EB B)** This is indeed a triumph as the name implies. Medium blue flowers of immense size blooming until frost comes. **\$3.00.**

**August Koch (L EB B)** The fragrant blossoms are of good size and deep in color, the sepals a rich, deep orchid-blue shade. An outstanding lily. **\$2.50.**

**Col. Lindbergh (M EB B)** This is enormous with wide petals of deep blue. As the name implies, the flowers tower in the air, high above the water. The leaves are large and oval, marked with brown. **\$2.50.**

**Wm. Stone (L EB B)** This is a particularly attractive violet-blue lily. Blossoms star-shaped, yellow stamens tipped with blue. **\$2.00.**

**Sacred Blue Lotus of the Nile (S FB C)** This is the true blue Lotus of the Nile. A small tropical type blue lily. Order ONLY if you are interested in the true botanical plant. Other blue Tropicals much prettier and better. **\$3.25.**

**Blue Pygmae or Colorata (S GB B)** Of the Tropical variety. Just right for Tub, or small pool. Deep blue and very fragrant. **\$2.00.**

**Mrs. Edwards Whitaker (L EB B)** This lily is the largest in the day blooming class, having been known to measure 14 inches across. The flowers are a lavender-blue. This lily stays open almost all day. **\$2.50.**

**Whitaker Gigantea (L EB B)** The largest of all tropic lilies. A very delicate shade of blue; stays open almost all day. **\$2.75.**



# Tropical Lilies (continued)

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## PURPLE

**Panama Pacific (L EB B)** These are of the viviparous variety, growing young plants at the base of the leaf. They are somewhat harder than other Tropicals. Flowers a rich purple, the yellow stamens making a striking contrast. Best purple. **\$2.50.**

**Director Moore (L EB A)** Deepest of the purples. Almost a navy blue. An excellent bloomer. Very fine lily. **\$3.50.**

**Independence (M EB B)** Very large rose-purple flowers. Plant begins to bloom when very small, and blooms continuously until frost comes. Will do well in tubs or large pools. **\$2.25.**

**Zanzabar Blue.** A splendid day blooming tropic. Rich blue-purple flowers. Stamens very numerous, dark crimson. Very fragrant. **\$2.50.**

**Royale Purple (S EB B)** This handsome lily is identical in growth and habit to that excellent variety, Panama Pacific, except that the color is a glowing royal purple. This viviparous novelty will add a note of regal splendor to your pool. Good Tub variety. **\$3.00.**

**Francis B. Griffith (M EB B)** The darkest purple of all water lilies; is a leaf propagator. Good for Tub gardens. **\$2.50.**

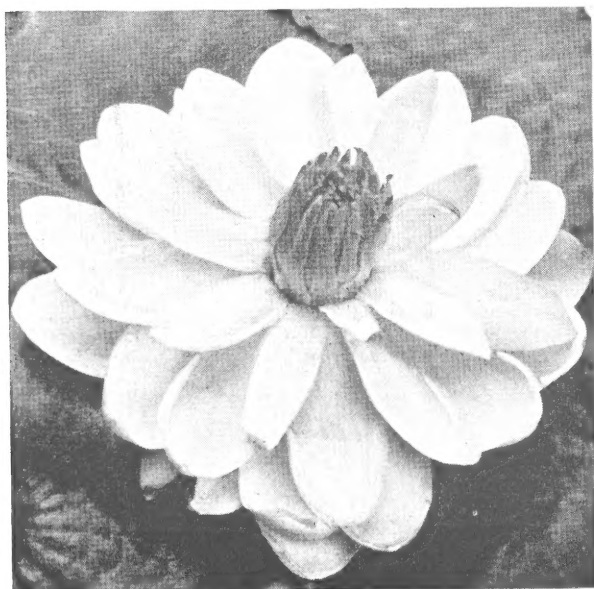
## RED

**American Beauty (L EB B)** A very choice red water lily. It possesses the same attractive combination of colors as the American Beauty rose. The flowers are 8 inches across, carried high above the water. **\$4.00.**

## NIGHT BLOOMING TROPICALS

The Aristocrats of the Water Garden. Like many young maids, these flowers sleep during the day, to bloom gayly at night, and during the early morning hours are the most beautiful flower in the garden, often staying open until noon. The blossom begins to unfold as the sun goes down and is especially satisfactory for the working man or woman, who would not see the open blossom of a day blooming lily. Shipping time is the same as for Day-bloomers.

Once you have had a beautiful night-blooming tropical from the VAN NESS GARDENS you will never be without one.



Missouri

## PINK

**General Pershing (L EB B)** This lily is undoubtedly the finest of the orchid-pink day-blooming Tropics. The flowers are 8 inches across and are very double. They open very early in the morning and stay open until late in the evening. Very fragrant. **\$2.75.**

**Chicago (M EB B)** A clear pink lily, with quantities of large blossoms; having as many as 8 blossoms at one time. The leaves are profusely spotted with mahogany, making a very attractive plant. **\$2.50.**

## WHITE

**Mrs. Geo. Pring (L EB B)** Immense white flowers, opening early and staying open until late in the afternoon. Bloom until frost comes. When given room, makes a wonderful growth, but adapts itself to a small space and blooms continually. **\$2.50.**

## YELLOW

**St. Louis (L EB B)** A yellow hybrid producing flowers from 10 to 12 inches across. The St. Louis is the only tropical lily which has been patented. A famous Pring hybrid. **\$3.00.**

**Sunbeam (M EB B)** Viviparous tropical water lily. One of the deepest yellow tropical water lilies; very free flowering. **\$3.00.**

## WHITE

**Missouri (L EB B)** The finest white night blooming variety. The earliest to bloom and very dependable. A Supreme beauty. **\$2.25. Choice variety.**

**Juno (L EB B)** Immense, pure white blossoms, opening very wide. Central disc solid mass of yellow stamens. A free bloomer with glossy, green leaves, finely toothed at edges. **\$2.25.**

## RED

**H. C. Haarstick (L EB B)** A very choice variety. Well shaped blossoms, vivid red, shading to rose-pink. The stamens are rose color and the leaves rich, bronzy red. **\$2.25. Choice variety.**

**George Huster (L EB B)** A brilliant variety with large blossoms. The leaves are bronze-red, crimped at the edges. **\$2.25.**

## ROSE

**Mrs. Geo. Hitchcock (L EB B)** This large, rose-pink flower is such a wonderful bloomer and so easy to grow it cannot help giving satisfaction. A very choice variety. **\$2.25.**

**Frank Trelease (L EB B)** A deep rose colored, narrow petaled variety. **\$2.25.**

## PINK

**Mrs. Emily Hutchings (L EB B)** Beautiful pink blossoms with curving petals. Bronze leaves so different as to be quite noticeable. **\$2.25. Choice variety.**

**O'Marana (L EB B)** Rosy-pink flowers of large size. Each petal having a white stripe; the effect being intensified by orange-red stamens. **\$2.25.**

# THE CULTURE OF WATER LILIES

## Please Read Carefully

We are always happy to give any advice possible regarding the culture of Water lilies and should any problem arise which is not dealt with on this page we hope you will feel free to consult us; however, before writing please read this carefully, as we have tried to cover all of the problems involved in Water lily culture as we know them.

Our ideal location helps us to answer many questions. We are 2100 ft. high. It frosts here. We have ice on our pools many mornings each winter. For this reason our lilies are conditioned for winter weather also. In the summer we have hot weather and can see how the lilies act in very hot climates. We leave our Tropical Lilies in our pools over the winter. They are bigger and better the second year.

The following are the questions we are called upon to answer very often.

### SHOULD LILIES BE PLANTED IN SOIL?

Most emphatically yes. Water lilies have to have soil and it must be rich. You may use one-fourth well rotted dairy fertilizer and three-fourths good loam. For best results use our VAN NESS WATER LILY FERTILIZER. Steer causes Algae.

### HOW MUCH SOIL SHOULD EACH LILY HAVE?

At least one bushel of soil for each lily of medium size. Dwarf lilies will do with less.

### HOW DEEP SHOULD THE WATER BE?

The ideal depth of water over the crown of the plant is from 8 to 10 inches, although they will give fairly good results in water from 6 to 15 inches in depth.

### SHOULD LILIES BE PLANTED IN BOXES?

They may be planted either in boxes or on bottom of pool, but pool is easier kept clean if boxes are used. Place fertilizer in lower half of soil, fill box with garden soil and cover with 1 inch of coarse sand. If pool is deep the boxes should be raised to within 8 or 10 inches of the surface. Boxes should be 2x2 ft. square and 1 ft. deep for best results. Line boxes with newspapers to keep the dirt from sifting out. DO NOT USE REDWOOD. It discolors water.

### DO LILIES LIKE SHADE?

They do not. They will not bloom unless they have full sun for at least half the day, preferably morning sun. Such lilies as Comanche Gloriosa Chromatella do fairly well in partial shade. Water Lettuce, Hyacinth, Water Hawthorne and the Taros are satisfactory in shady pools, but to try anything else is money wasted.

### CAN WATER LILIES BE GROWN IN TUBS?

Yes, the small and medium sized lilies do well in tubs, but the larger varieties will do better in a concrete pool.

### SHOULD LILIES HAVE RUNNING WATER?

No, running water is always too cold for lilies. They like still, warm water which will not become stagnant so long as there is vegetation in the pool.

### HOW DO YOU KEEP MOSQUITOS FROM BREEDING IN POOL?

If you have half a dozen of fish for each 6 ft. of pool they will very effectively keep out mosquito larvae. Do not have mosquito fish—have pretty fish.

### WHEN SHOULD POOLS BE CLEANED?

Early in the spring, before the lilies begin to grow, all debris should be cleaned out of the pool. It is not necessary to drain the pool and remove the soil oftener than once in two years. All cleaning and replanting should be done in the spring or fish spawn will be lost. In mild climate clean pool every 4 or 5 years.

### WHAT PESTS ATTACK WATER PLANTS?

Aphis is the only pest to contend with. This may be controlled by spraying with the hose, early in the morning, then the fish will eat them. Begin with the first signs of Aphis. VOLCK OIL SPRAY is the best that can be used after you have Aphis. It is safe—will not harm plants or fish.

### HOW SHOULD POOL BE TREATED TO KEEP WATER CLEAR?

If you observe these few rules you will not have any trouble.

You must have a well balanced pool with plenty of plant life and scavengers.

Sample—6' x 8' Pool Suggestions:

1. Only a drip of water, new water causes algae. Water will always be fresh and pure, never stagnant if you follow all of the hints listed here.

2. Snails—24 of any kind.

3. Fish—12 of any kind. Goldfish are very pretty and just as effective as mosquito fish. Mosquito fish eat the eggs of goldfish.

4. Oxygenating Grasses—2 to 5 bunches.

5. Lilies—At least one hardy or tropical to each 8 square feet. The lily pads cut off much of the direct sun and do MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE to eliminate algae and discoloration. 5 lilies for this sample pool.

6. Fertilizer—Steer fertilizer is good, but causes algae. Our special fertilizer is excellent.

7. Boxes—Any wood but redwood. Tubs are fine, especially for Lotus.

### HELP FOR LEAKS AND CRACKS

For cracks in pool, dry pool thoroughly and patch with one-fourth inch of Asbestos roof cement over a crack. For a pool that just leaks generally all over, make a mixture of pure plastic cement and water to the consistency of paint. Paint pool with this mixture or paint with our water-proof paint listed on Page 3.

# The Culture Of Water Lilies (continued)

## WHEN SHOULD WATER LILIES BE PLANTED?

**Hardy Lilies**—In generally frost-free areas plant February through October. In climates subject to freezing weather about April 1 is a safe date; they may be planted up until August with good results.

**Tropical Lilies**—Set out only after minimum temperature of 70° can be depended upon. Earlier planting leads only to disappointment.

## HOW SHOULD WATER LILIES BE PLANTED?

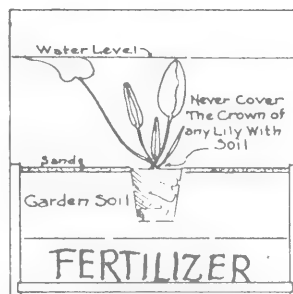
Hardy lilies should be planted horizontally, with the crown well out of the soil. Tropical lilies should be planted upright and at the same depth as before being shipped as growing plants. When receiving water plants do not allow them to become dry before planting; place in tub of water or cover with a wet sack.

## HOW SHOULD WATER LILIES BE WINTERED OVER?

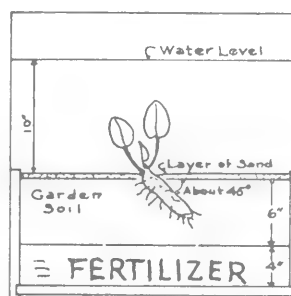
Hardy lilies may safely be wintered over in the pool if the roots do not freeze. In extremely cold climates cover with boards and give an extra covering of straw. Should it be advisable to lift the lilies before cold weather arrives they may be stored in a cool cellar. Be careful that they do not dry out or dry rot will attack them and they will be lost.

## HOW DO YOU WINTER TROPICALS OR STAR LILIES?

In mild climates they may be left in the pool all winter. We do not guarantee them to live over, but almost without exception they do in Southern California and mild areas. In May get in and see that the bulb is one-half inch under the soil and crown (rough) side up. The bulb may be deep in the box. In cold climates take the bulb out after the lily has gone dormant. Store in a can of moist sand in FROST FREE cellar or garage until May. Plant. Tropicals have so many blooms and are so beautiful they are worth this little extra work. Night bloomers will not live over anywhere. They must be harvested and stored.



*Tropical Lily Planting*

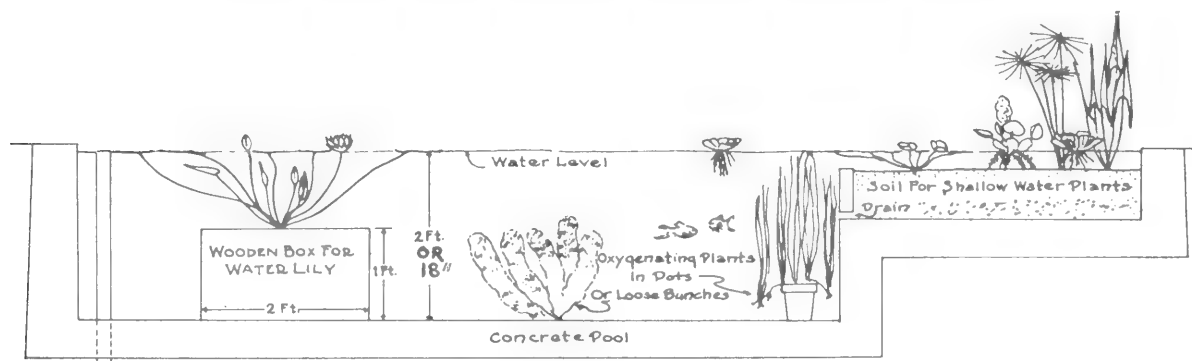


*Hardy Lily Planting*

## HOW AND WHEN SHOULD LOTUS BE PLANTED?

These plants are hardy and may be grown anywhere in the U.S., blooming better the second year than the first. The bulbs look like a peeled banana, the crown is at the long end of the bulb. The crown should be placed up, with the bulb placed horizontally. **Great care should be taken not to break the crown off**, as that renders the bulb worthless. Cover with 2 inches of soil, leaving growing point just out of the soil. Cover with 6 inches of water until growth begins. While Lotus is hardy it should not be planted too early as growth should begin at once after planting or bulb is apt to decay. Shipped May 1st to June 15th only.

## IT'S EASY TO BUILD YOUR OWN POOL



**LOCATION.** The pool should be exposed to full sun. Lilies cannot be expected to bloom unless the sun shines into the heart of them at least part of the day.

We suggest that you make your pool as large as your space will permit, as there are so many water plants you will want. Ideal depth 16" to 24".

An informal pool is much easier and less expensive to build than a formal one, as it can be built without forms. For an informal pool, after deciding on size and shape, dig out soil to depth of 2 feet and level off. Shave side walls as near perpendicular as possible, as walls which slope are that much wasted space in your pool, and gather Algae making pool unsightly. Tamp walls and floor and reinforce with heavy fencing wire, covering walls and floor.

In building a formal pool dig the exact size and shape

desired. Allow about 6 inches space for wall and build inside form. The walls should be reinforced, and after it is poured, allow it to harden until the next day. Remove forms and pour bottom of the pool. Finish as directed below.

**Cement.** The proper mixture of cement is one shovel of cement to five of sand. In cold climates, the concrete should be 6 inches thick; in mild climates 3 inches is ample.

Fill pool and let stand for one day. Drain. Fill pool again. Add 1 quart of strong vinegar to each 100 gallons of water to neutralize the alkaline so pool will be safe for fish. Drain again. Fill. Pool is now ready to plant.

**To Waterproof:** Mix pure waterproof cement and water to consistency of paint and paint the pool.

# TUB GARDENS



## TUB GARDEN

Saw barrels in two or buy ordinary galvanized wash tubs and apply a heavy coat of Asphaltum paint **inside and out** to preserve the metal or wood. Sink tub or barrels in soil and pile rock around them to hide the barrels.

There are so many water plants that do well in a small space that there is no end to the possibilities of this type of Water Garden. This one was worked out with a Rock Garden. The following plants will complete the picture: Lemon Day Lily, Fountain Grass, and any of the poolside plants.

### THE FOLLOWING LILIES MAY BE USED IN A TUB GARDEN OR SMALL POOL

#### TROPICAL LILIES

Zanzabar Blue .....	\$2.00
Blue Pygmae .....	\$2.00
Francis B. Griffith .....	\$2.50
Royal Purple .....	\$3.00

#### HARDY LILIES

Gloriosa, red .....	\$2.50
Pygmae Helvola, yellow .....	\$1.25
White Laydeker, white .....	\$2.00
Hermine, white .....	\$2.00
Mary Patricia, pink .....	\$2.00
Paul Hariot, sunset .....	\$2.50
Aurora, sunset .....	\$1.50
Chrysantha, sunset .....	\$2.00
Indiana, sunset .....	\$2.50

#### YELLOW TUB GARDEN COLLECTION #1

2 Pyg. Helvola Lilies—yellow, \$2.50; 2 bu. fish grasses, 40c; 1 pair trap door snails, 25c. Value \$3.15 for **\$2.50**.

#### RED & BLUE TUB GARDEN COLLECTION #2

Gloriosa Lily—red, \$2.50; Water Hyacinth—blue, 20c; 2 bu. fish grasses, 40c; 1 pr. trap door snails, 25c. Value, \$3.35 for **\$2.75**.

#### WHITE & BLUE TUB GARDEN COLLECTION #3

Hermine Lily—white, \$2.00; Azure Pickerel—blue, 50c; 2 bu. fish grasses, 40c; 4 snails, 35c. Value, \$3.25 for **\$2.75**.

#### COLORFUL FOURSOME TUB GARDEN COLLECTION #4

Paul Hariot Lily—sunset, \$2.50; 3 Water Hyacinth—blue, 50c; 2 Water Poppies—yellow, 35c; 1 Water Snowflake—white, 35c. Value, \$3.70 for **\$3.00**.

#### PINK & YELLOW & BLUE TUB COLLECTION #5

Mary Patricia Lily—pink, \$2.00; 2 Water Poppy—yellow, 35c; 1 Iris Versicolor—blue, 35c; 1 bu. fish grass, 20c; 4 snails, 35c. Value, \$3.25 for **\$2.75**.

#### BEAUTIFUL TRIO TUB COLLECTION #6

Hermine Lily—white, \$2.00; Aurora Lily—sunset, \$1.50; Mary Patricia—pink, \$2.00; 1 pound Spec. Water Lily Fertilizer; 4 snails. Complete plant life necessary for your tub. Only add fish. Value, \$6.25 for **\$5.00**.



TUB GARDEN

Lilies will grow with 4 inches of water over crown, but will do better with at least 8 inches.

## STAR LILIES

These lilies are of the Tropical lily family, but are hardier. Splendid bloomers, often bearing over 100 blooms in a season. They are splendid for cut flowers, lasting for several days and filling the room with their delightful fragrance. The Star Lilies listed below are shipped as blooming plants in most cases. They have no set-back as do hardy lilies and soon become mature plants blooming continuously and long after Hardy Lilies go dormant. In Southern areas they bloom until Christmas or until a frost. Three to five Star Lilies in a large tub or box will be the pride of any Water Lily Enthusiast.

### BLOOMING PLANTS NOT TUBERS

**Blue Star.** A clear blue, with blossoms standing high above the water. Rich green leaves. **\$2.00.**

**Pink Star.** (Stella Gurney.) A soft pink blossom. Splendid bloomer. **\$2.50.**

**Rose Star.** A deep shade of rose purple and a good bloomer. **\$2.50.**

**Red Star** (Mrs. Ward.) The deepest red of the Tropical varieties. **\$2.50.**

**White Star (L EB B)** Produces numbers of large fragrant white flowers with pointed petals. Petals broader at the base and more pointed at the tip. **\$2.50.**

**All 5 Varieties for \$10.00**

**Red Star** (not Mrs. Ward) A PERFECT red Star. Blooms always perfect. A deeper-colored lily than the Mrs. Ward-Red Star. Not in collection. **\$2.75.**

**Orchid Star (L EB A)** A beautiful orchid star. No doubt the largest, finest, and most beautiful of all the stars. **\$3.00.**



Star Lilies

### STAR AND TROPICAL LILY PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

Plant your own Star Lily tuber or Tropical tuber. Make sure the crown (sprout) is upright and just even with the soil level. Plant in 6 to 8 inches of water.

Shipped with your hardy lilies and planted at same time. Will grow when water gets warm. Plant crown up, even with soil level as shown in diagram.



## SPECIAL

### 4 STAR TUBERS

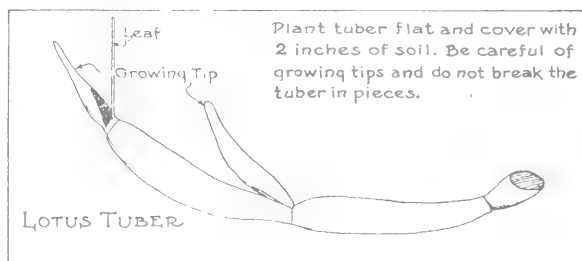
### NOT PLANTS — BULBS ONLY

Red — Pink — Blue — Rose All for \$5.00

## LOTUS



Sacred Lotus



These plants are hardy and may be grown almost anywhere in the U. S., blooming better the second year than the first. The bulbs look like a peeled banana, the crown is at the long end of the bulb. The crown should be placed up, with the bulb placed horizontally. Great care should be taken not to break the crown off, as that renders the bulb worthless. Cover with 2 inches of soil, leaving growing point just out of the soil. Cover with 6 inches of water until growth begins, when the depth may be increased if necessary. While Lotus is hardy it should not be planted too early as growth should begin at once after planting or bulb is apt to decay. We have a method of holding bulbs so they may be planted as late as June 15.

**Planting time May 1st to June 15th.**

**SUGGESTION:** To the Amateur we do not recommend Lotus as their season is so short and they have only a very few blooms. They are also very hard to start.

**Red Lotus.** (Roseum Plenum) Mammoth double blossoms of an American beauty shade; not a deep red. Blossoms often a foot across and very double. A choice variety. **\$3.50.**

**Nelumbium Speciosum** (pink). Egyptian sacred Lotus. An excellent variety. Very hardy and free growing. Possesses a strange, haunting fragrance. **\$2.50.**

**Nelumbium Flavens.** (yellow) A splendid variety that has cream colored flowers. A good bloomer. **\$3.00.**

### LOTUS TRIO COLLECTION #66

Red — Pink — Yellow. Value, \$8.50—for **\$7.50.**



# Complete Your Pool With These Plants

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THESE DO BEST PLANTED IN WATER FROM 5 TO 6 INCHES DEEP AND IN BOXES OF 6" OF SOIL OR MORE. Plant in box and raise to within a few inches of the surface of water. This is easily accomplished by nailing legs of proper length to box or sitting box on stones.



*Water Poppy*

**Water Poppy (N)** (*Linnocharis humboldti.*) An old favorite, with blossoms like a California poppy. Each plant throws out runners bearing blossoms all summer. 2 for 35c; \$1.50 per dozen.

**Water Snowflake (N)** (*Nymphoides indicum*) A dainty little plant is the Water Snowflake. The flowers are about an inch across and have 5 petals, each resembling a flake of snow. They will do well in 6 inches of water, either in pool or dishpan. 35c; 3 for \$1.00.

**Floating Heart (N)** (*Nymphoides peltatum.*) Has bright yellow, fringed flowers of medium size, with leaves like a Pigmy lily. Has to be planted in soil. 20c; 3 for 50c.



*Hawthorne*

Blooms all winter in Southern California and the Southern States

**Water Hawthorne (H)** (*Aponogeton distachyus.*) Snowy white flowers with the fragrance of the English Hawthorne. The flower is antler shaped and each antler flecked with black. The leaves are oblong and float on the water. Does well in either sun or shade. 75c.

NOTE: In climates such as Southern California, Water Hawthorne goes practically dormant during hot summer months. As your hardy lilies go dormant in the fall, Water Hawthorne comes to life and is the ONLY water plant which thrives and blooms all winter, even when the pool has ice morning after morning. We suggest in such climates as Southern California, you plant one Water Hawthorne in each hardy lily box or tub, so your pool will be beautiful all winter long.

## WATER IRIS

**Red Water Iris** Beautiful red rust colored Iris, growing about 2 ft. tall. It is hardy. A lovely new addition to the pool.

**Iris Purpureae (H)** A water Iris with such a deep blue as to be almost purple, 12 inches to 15 inches tall. 35c; 3 for \$1.00.

**Iris Versicolor (H)** Tall narrow stems with very beautiful blue flowers, long blooming. 35c; 3 for 90c.

**Yellow Iris (H)** (*Pseudacorus.*) One of the necessary plants for your pool, the foliage making an artistic touch either in the center or in the corner. Has tall spikes of yellow blossoms. Will grow equally as well in very moist ground. 35c; 3 for 90c.

All Four Varieties for \$1.25

## JAPANESE IRIS (*Iris Kaempferi*)

COMPLETE YOUR POOL WITH THESE

These Iris will do well in a pool, providing they are planted so only the roots are in the water. Transplant from April to September. These may be planted in moist soil outside your pool, also

These Irises are at their best long after the other varieties have stopped blooming.

They are exquisite in their pleasing shades, varying from almost pure white to the richest of dark shades. The blossoms are very large; the Falls not dropping as other Iris make the blossoms appear larger.

They are hardy except in the most northern states. As they require very wet soil they do exceptionally well if planted on the margin of a pool or brook. In the far north they will not live through the winter under these conditions.

The soil for Japanese Iris should be rich and well supplied with organic matter. They will bloom better the second year after transplanting, but should be transplanted every three years for best results.

We are fortunate to have obtained a limited supply of the choicest varieties and can heartily recommend any of them.

**Questing Wings (H)** Light blue, with purple veins.

**River Dragon (H)** Variegated light blue and red.

**Titiana (H)** Immense, pure white.

**Gitano (H)** Dark velvety purple.

**Lingering Summer (H)** Sharp standards, purple with deep low markings.

**Water Witch (H)** Purple and blue, striped.

**Brief Episode (H)** Variegated, orchid pink.

**Javilin** Light blue with purple flowers.

**Joss Stick (H)** Variegated purple rose.

**Dark Satsuma (H)** Reddish-purple with white veins. Beautiful.

**Cameo (H)** White shaded to clear blue, yellow veins.

**Weaver of Dreams (H)** Light purple with yellow marks, deep veins. Pretty. 50c each.

Any 6 for \$2.50

Any 12 for \$4.00

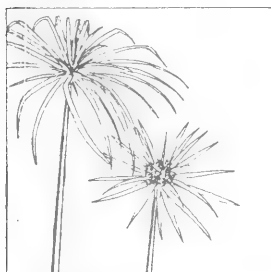
# Complete Your Pool With These Plants

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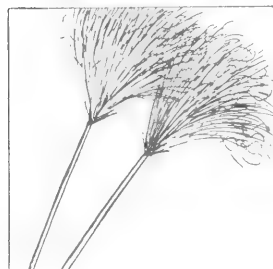
Under this heading we list such plants as grow in water, but send up leaves and blossoms above the surface one foot or more. These add to the beauty of the pool, being used as centerpieces or for corners. Many of them have beautiful blossoms, all have attractive foliage. THESE DO BEST PLANTED IN WATER FROM 1 TO 2 INCHES DEEP AND IN BOXES OF 6" OF SOIL OR MORE. Plant in box and raise to within a few inches of the surface of water. This is easily accomplished by nailing legs of proper length to box.



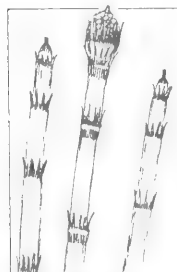
Cattail



Umbrella Palm



Papyrus



Equisetum



Primrose Willow

**Cattail (H)** (*Typha angustifolia*.) A handsome water plant with rich brown "cat-tails." 25c; 3 for 60c.

**Miniature Cattail (H)** The seed pods form a miniature cat tail  $\frac{3}{8}$ " diameter and 3 or 4 inches long. Usually does not produce cattail until second year. Choice for flower arrangements. 50c; 3 for \$1.00.

**Water Plantain (H)** (*Alisma plantago*.) Almond shaped leaves of bright green, borne about 3 feet above the surface of the water. Beautiful clusters of flowers resembling Baby's Breath. 35c.

**Umbrella Palm (H)** (*Cyperus alternifolius*.) A beautiful plant, growing about 2 feet tall, has slender stems with tuft of leaves spreading out, umbrella shaped. Does well either in shallow water or moist ground. 25c; 3 for 60c.

**Giant Umbrella Palm (H)** Similar to above except it grows six feet tall. 30c; 3 for 75c.

**Double Arrowhead (H)** (*Sagittaria flora plena*.) Leaves arrow shaped. Plant bears large spikes of pure white double flowers, about 2 feet tall. 40c. 3 for \$1.00.

**Japanese Arrowhead (H)** Similar in growth to the above, but with single flowers. 35c.

**Papyrus (H)** (Egyptian paper plant.) The stalks are triangular and attain a height of from 5 to 8 feet, having a tuft of thread-like leaves a foot in diameter. Does equally well in two inches of water or in very wet soil. 50c; 3 for \$1.00.

**Miniature Papyrus (H)** Small bright green tufts. 1 to 2 feet tall. Choice for flower arrangements. 50c; 3 for \$1.00.

**Sagittaria (H)** (*Latifolia*.) The leaves are broad with long basal lobes. The flowers are pure white, about an inch in diameter. 35c; 3 for \$1.00.

**Equisetum (H)** (Horse tail rush.) The most attractive of the rushes. Shows distinct joints, is strong growing, not breaking so easily as other rushes. 35c; 3 for \$1.00.

**Water Arum** A tall hardy aquatic with leaves shaped like a Calla lily. 25c.

**Water Canna (H)** (*Thalia dealbata*.) A tall graceful plant with leaves similar to a canna, leaves maroon at the base. Flowers on tall, arching stems, purple, with silver dust. 75c; 2 for \$1.25.

**Water Chestnut (H)** Grows freely in shallow water. Has dull green quill-like leaves, growing two feet tall. 35c; 3 for 90c.

**Primrose Willow (H)** (*Jussiaea longifolia*.) A beautiful, tall plant with flowers like a primrose and leaves like a willow. 35c; 3 for 90c.



Azure Pickerel Plant

**Azure Pickerel Plant (H)** (*Pontederia paniculata*.) This attractive plant grows from 2 to 6 feet tall and each heart-shaped leaf has a spike of Delphinium blue flowers coming from the base. The buds are covered with a silvery sheen. 50c; 3 for \$1.25.

**Pickerel Rush (H)** (*Pontederia cordata*.) Spikes of deep blue flowers borne in center of heart-shaped leaves. Two feet tall. 30c; 3 for 75c.

**Violet Stemmed Taro** (*Colocasia violacea*.) Leaves beautiful blue-green. The stems, mid-ribs and veins underneath leaves are a lovely lavender. \$1.00.

**Imperial Taro** (*Calocasia antiquorum illustris*.) The finest of the Taros. The leaves are almost a velvety black. They make an excellent centerpiece for the pool, also make a fine house plant if potted and set in jardiniere of water. 75c.



Imperial Taro

## PLANTS FOR YOUR FISH Oxygenating Grasses

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These very useful plants help to keep the pool in natural balance, supplying oxygen to the water. A few bunches among the lilies are indispensable for the health of the fish.

Plant only in sand; several plants to each pot. They keep water clear. Protect baby fish. Provide spawning places. Produce oxygen. Help balance your pool.

**Anacharis (J)** Giant. The most used for oxygen. Graceful long stems with whorls of deep green leaves. Very good for pool and necessary for health of fish. **Bunch of 6, 20c.**

**Myriophyllum (J)** A pretty aquatic with fine, hair-like leaves. Makes a good spawning bed for fish. May be anchored on bottom of pool. **Bunch of 6, 20c.**

**Ludwigia (J)** This is one of the important fish plants because of its decorative value. When kept in strong light the under side of leaves become a bright red. **Bunch of 6, 20c.**

**Vallisneria (J)** (Eel grass.) Long ribbon-like leaves. Pretty in an aquarium. **Bunch of 6 for 20c.**

**Cabomba (J)** A useful plant for the pool, growing entirely submerged. Very ornamental. **Bunch of 6, 30c.**

**Sagittaria (J)** (Sinensis.) Grows freely and a splendid plant for the aquarium. **3 for 25c.**

**Parrot Feather (D)** The long trailing stems produce a beautiful light green foliage, good for the ends of pools. A favorite aquatic plant, for aquarium and fountain basins. Can be used in water-tight hanging baskets. **6 for 20c.**

### OXYGENATING GRASS (Fish Grass) COLLECTION #5 Suitable for Pool 4 x 8

30 Oxygenating Plants, 5 varieties . . . . .75c

**Primrose Creeper (D)** (Jussiea repens.) A trailing plant with bright glossy leaves and blossoms like a primrose. **2 for 25c; 5 for 50c.**

**Azure Hyacinth (D)** (Eichhornia azurea.) A trailing variety. Flowers a rich blue, with yellow eye. A rank grower, and makes a great showing soon after planting. Does well among the lillies. Free flowering. **35c; 3 for \$1.00.**



Water Hyacinth

## FLOATING PLANTS FOR THE POOL

**Water Hyacinth (O)** (Eichhornia crassipia major.) Flowers a delicate orchid, in trusses like a Hyacinth. Does best in partial shade. Splendid spawning bed for fish. Floats. **20c; 3 for 50c.**

**Water Lettuce (O)** (Pistia stratiotes.) This is similar to Water Hyacinth in habit but more rare and delicate. It grows best in semi-shade and prefers a moist atmosphere, so should be sprinkled at times. Is a rosette of soft blue-green leaves, sometimes measuring 10 inches in diameter. Floats. **20c; 3 for 50c.**

**Azolla (O)** A small, floating moss-like plant, similar to duck-weed but prettier. When exposed to sunlight the small leaves take on a reddish tinge. Good for fish. Floats. Can become a pest. **Portion, 25c.**



Vallisneria



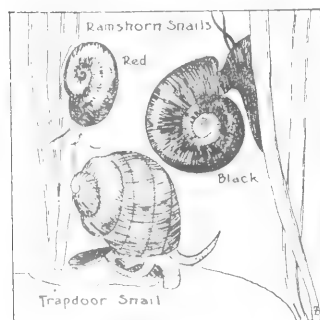
Anacharis



Ludwigia



Sagittaria



Scavengers

## SCAVENGERS FOR THE POOL

(Water snails will not live out of the water)

Water snails are necessary for the pool, as they feed on the decayed vegetation, and clean up the green algae that forms on the walls. We understand that snails are both sexes in one. Snails shipped by parcel post in grasses.

**Japanese trap-door snails.** The largest and hardest of all snails. These are live bearing. Very prolific. **2 for 25c; \$1.00 per dozen.**

**Rams-horn snails.** A very long lived water snail and especially good in clearing up the green scum in pools. **6 for 35c; 60c per dozen.**

**Red Rams-horn snails.** These snails are a coral red and very showy in an aquarium. **3 for 25c; 75c per dozen.**

### SCAVENGER COLLECTION #7

Suitable for pool 3 x 5. 12 assorted water snails . . . . . \$ .75

### SCAVENGER COLLECTION #8

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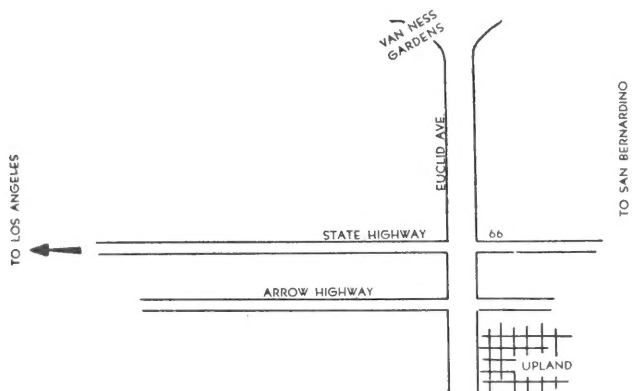
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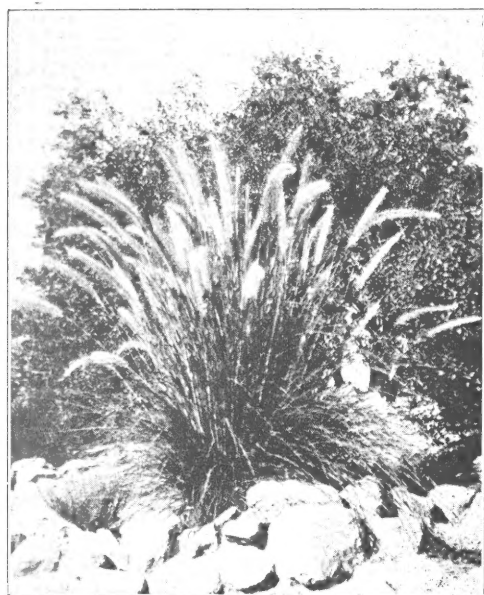
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## POOLSIDE PLANTS



*Fountain Grass*

**Fountain grass** (*Pennisetum ruppeli*.) Narrow, graceful blades. Grows in clump to height of two feet. Feathery plumes, shaded with red. One of the finest poolside plants. **25c.**

**Torch lily** (*Tritoma*.) Tall spikes of brilliant red flowers. One of the showiest of this group. **50c.**

**Mullen Pink** (*Lychnis coronaria*.) A perennial which is most satisfactory, needing only good drainage and little water. A glow of cerise-pink blossoms in the spring. Foliage grey-green. **35c.**



*Fairy or Zephyr Lily*

**Zephyr or Fairy Lily** Beautiful pure white lily-like flowers, 2" across. Grows freely if planted in masses of 12 or more. Excellent bloomer. **6 for 50c.**

**Phormium** (*cookianum*.) Fine, long striped foliage. Leaves about 2 inches wide, often 5 feet long. Very striking near a pool. Also called New Zealand flax. **75c.**

**Carex** (*morrowi*.) Leaves flat, striped and grass like. Six inches tall. An excellent low plant. Pretty blue flower. **40c.**

**Moraea iridoides** Belongs to the Iris family, but different, and blooms from early spring until late fall. Large white flowers with crests marked in blue. Very rare. **75c.**

## ORCHID CACTUS (Ephyphyllum)

### EPHYPHYLLUM

"Orchid of the Cactus" — Are Beautiful in Hanging Baskets

These are not pool plants. They are lovely in patios and shaded corners.

### CARE OF EPHYPHYLLUMS

These plants should have the same treatment as ferns. Do not keep in direct sun or allow them to become dry. Soil should be equal parts good garden soil leaf mold and peat.

**E. Oxypetalum** (Queen of the Night.) This marvelous plant bears blossoms of such beauty as to be breathtaking. Each blossom measures from 8 to 10 inches. The outside petals are a soft coral pink, the flower of snowy whiteness. Blooms from June to Sept. **50c.**

**E. Hermossissiums** A tall growing plant with deeply notched stems. The blossoms are fully 9 inches across and are distinctly striped with crimson, orange and violet. One of the most popular varieties. **50c.**

**E. Dante** A vigorous variety having triangular stems. The flowers are large and wide open, light orange-red, more intense at margin of petals. **50c.**

**E. Latona** Large, free-flowering. The flowers are a deep cerise pink. **50c.**

**E. Conway Giant** A vigorous plant with crimson tints on new growth. The blossoms are extremely large; the outer petals a deep crimson and the inner petals shaded with purple of satiny appearance. A very reliable bloomer. **50c.**

**E. Ackermannii** The bright red petals have a frosty appearance, cascades of white stamens. Spineless flat leaves with buds appearing at notches. **50c.**

**E. Rosy Morn** Leaves flat with masses of shell-pink blossoms literally covering the plant, blossoms lasting for days. Blooms over a long period. **50c.**

**E. Padre** Beautiful rose-pink blossoms of immense size. Vigorous grower and blooms over a long period. **50c.**

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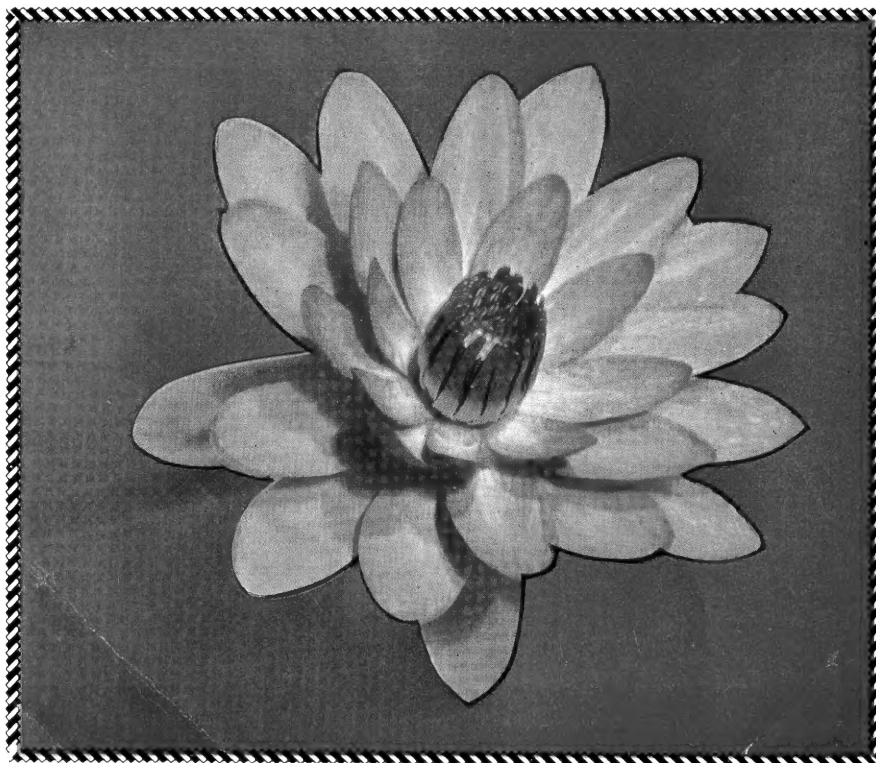
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*Panama Pacific*



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